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Changes in Draft of SE-50
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The Department of State

(Cf. text
of para-
graph 14)

2. Once the invasion had been launched, the Chinese Communists would attempt to bring all available forces to bear against it.

The USSR would seek to localize the hostilities but would extend logistic support to Communist China, but However, it would probably not openly commit its ground, air, or naval units to the defense of Hainan, but The-USSR might covertly commit Soviet- manned aircraft and submarines.

5. In this situation, the USSR and Communist China might accept the loss of Hainan. Or, they might seize upon this occasion to initiate general war against the US. However, we believe it more strong likely that they would pursue a middle course: to continue/military action pressure/ in an effort to retake Hainan or-at-least-tie-down-large US-forces-in-the-defense-of-Hainan-and-Taiwan;-and-to-continue-their world-wide-diplomatic-and-propaganda-efforts---As-part-of-this-middle course,-the-USSR-and-Communist-China-might-take-aggressive-counter- measures-in-Korea,-Hong-Kong,-or-Southeast-Asia,-but-we-believe-it more-likely-that-they-would-attempt-to-restrict-hostilities- and quite possibly invade Indochina. We believe that it is less likely that they would re-open hostilities in Korea or over-run Hong Kong.

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6. The reaction of non-Communist countries throughout the world would in-general be strongly adverse.

b. India and the majority of non-Communist countries in the Far East would be intensely critical of a Hainan invasion.

(cf. text,
paragraph 25)

Japan-would-be-apprehensive ~~that~~ Japan~~and~~ would be fearful that the invasion would eventually involve Japan and apprehensive that US military aid would be diverted; and would attempt to

disassociate itself from the action. The Republic of Korea would be-favorable-if-it-believed-the-invasion-would-further

(cf text,
paragraph 26)

its-objectives probably press for an enlargement of the Hainan operation through a concurrent invasion of north Korea. The

Philippines would be favorable if given additional US guarantees against possible Communist countermeasures.

c. Delete

d. Delete

11. (page 5, line 2) Instead of "enroute thereto" insert "their lines of communications."

16. Delete last phrase of paragraph: "but we believe it more likely that they would attempt to restrict hostilities." Incorporate changes suggested for paragraph 5.

17. Delete first sentence.

29. Delete paragraph.

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*Footnote to paragraph 29, page 14.

The Special Assistant, Intelligence, Secretary of State does not believe that any action which would further aggravate East-West tensions but would not benefit them would be viewed favorably by Greece, Turkey, and Pakistan. The Special Assistant believes this statement should read:

"However, Greece and Turkey, in view of their special relations with the US, would probably feel obliged not to oppose publicly the US action."

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